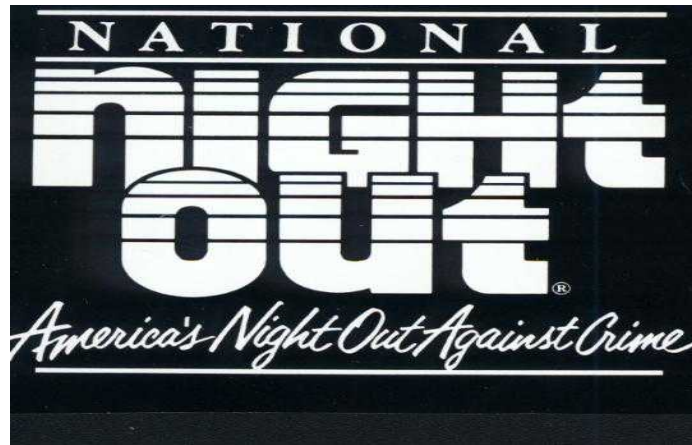


HERE'S YOUR 2003 REGISTRATION PACKET AND CELEBRATION PLANNER!!!



The message is coming from many directions, both local and national - that the real solutions to our issues of safety and quality of life lie in community standards, cooperation and action. We must build, rebuild and maintain a sense of ownership and responsibility for our community across all lines that could otherwise divide us - be they economic, racial, cultural or religious. **National Night Out** is a perfect opportunity to meet new neighbors, reacquaint with old neighbors, recommit to working together and celebrate what we've done together in the past year. *It's a celebration of our power as neighbors!*

Included in this packet are the following items that will assist you in organizing a block party or other event:

! **INFORMATION ABOUT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

This enclosure provides you with some background information about the 19th Annual National Night Out on a national scale. This is a major event where millions of concerned citizens pull together to get the word out that crime will not and cannot be tolerated!

! **REGISTRATION FORM**

Completion of this form formally registers your event with the Chesterfield Police Department. **All block party/event registrations must be received no later than July 18, 2003****** *Early registration of your block party/event is strongly encouraged.*

! **TIPS FOR PLANNING A BLOCK PARTY**

Ideas for planning a block party or similar event. We will also provide you with examples of what has been done in prior years.

Your National Night Out can be very simple, or as elaborate as you wish to make it. The key, as always, must be on connections between neighbors of all ages.

50 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION IDEAS!!!

- sip lemonade
- show movies
- barbecue
- chalk art
- exchange plants
- croquet
- tell block history stories
- visit old friends
- exchange cookies
- bingo
- invite a speaker
- make a banner
- serve watermelon
- serve tea & desert
- jump rope
- visit with police
- roller skate
- tell spooky stories
- pet tricks
- discuss crime prevention
- youth parade
- crime prevention videos
- touch football
- oldest resident award
- self-defense demonstration
- horseshoes
- rummage sale
- face painting
- talent show
- volleyball/badminton
- collect food for needy
- white elephant exchange
- frisbee
- shoot free throws
- play instruments
- ice cream social
- make/eat popcorn
 - pet contest
- bicycle parade
- listen to music
- turn on porch lights
- sing-a-long
- welcome new neighbors
- street dance
- pot luck
- exchange recipes
- progressive dinner
- dunk tank
- longest resident award
- TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS

The List Is Endless!!!!!!!!!!

TIPS FOR PLANNING A BLOCK PARTY

- STEP 1:** Solicit help from your neighbors and form a committee.
You will find that as a group, you will be able to generate some great ideas as to what type of event to plan. Your Block Captains may make excellent committee members.
- STEP 2:** As the committee chairperson, assign (delegate) tasks to your committee members. Examples of tasks might include:
- Selecting an event location (club house, private home, cul-de-sac, vacant lot, youth center, church, etc.)
 - Advertising your event (flyers, newsletters, public meetings)
 - Refreshments
 - Set-up and clean-up
 - Entertainment/speaker(s)
- STEP 3:** Plan a follow-up meeting to discuss and evaluate your committees progress.
- STEP 4:** Register your block party or event with the police department.
(See attached **Registration Form**)
- STEP 5:** Talk up your event with your neighbors, homeowners/civic association, local business =, place of worship, friends and family.
- STEP 6:** Watch it all come together and enjoy your
20th Annual National Night Out!

**REMEMBER: National Night Out is from 6:00 - 10:00 PM
On Tuesday, August 5, 2003**

INFORMATION ABOUT...

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Last years **National Night Out** campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,800 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, 33 million people participated in National Night Out 2002. The upcoming **20th Annual National Night Out** is expected to be the largest ever!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of **outdoor lights and front porch vigils**, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate **National Night Out** with a variety of activities. Included in this packet are some suggestions of ways neighborhoods have celebrated in the past.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable way to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. Plus, the benefits your neighborhood will derive from **National Night Out** will most certainly extend well beyond one night.

Last year in Chesterfield County, dozens of neighborhoods celebrated the fight against crime by organizing block parties or other neighborhood events.

START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW FOR . . .

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, AUGUST 5, 2003

